

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee:	Atronic International GmbH		
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

This responds to the office action dated April 21, 2008.

It is respectfully requested that the office action be withdrawn because the examiner did not respond to a key issue raised by the Applicant in the previous response, which is again presented herein. The examiner equates the claimed “free game pot” to an advertised fixed jackpot amount that is won by a single outcome of the game. However, the “free game pot” has a function that is very different from that of a “jackpot.” Further, the examiner did not address Applicant’s argument that modern slot machines would not use an electronic version of the Bueschel jackpot filler. Since Applicant’s key arguments were not addressed, the prosecution has not progressed, and Applicant is unable to determine why the examiner disagrees with Applicant’s previous arguments.

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